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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Office Action mailed February 15, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof. In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application all claims of Group I as identified in the Office Action. Claims 1-7 are in the elected claim group.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I, II and III clearly are related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of either claim group would be relevant to the examination of the other group. In addition,

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requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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